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SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF US NAVAL PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN

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1. FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN PARA 2 (A-H) IN  
REFTEL.

2. A. POSSIBILITY OF PORT VISITS REMAINS AN OPEN ONE, CONTINGENT ON  
US-UK POLICY ON HOW TO HANDLE GOI POSITION ON NUCLEAR DECLARATION.  
INCREASED US NAVAL ACTIVITY WILL MAKE INDIAN POLITICAL DECISION ON  
PORT CALL MORE SENSITIVE IF AND WHEN WE DO REQUEST ONE, BUT WE DO NOT  
BELIEVE POSSIBILITY FORECLOSED BY ANY MEANS. WE HOPE VISITS NOT CON-  
TEMPLATED FOR NEXT FEW MONTHS UNTIL FUROR OVER DIEGO GARCIA  
EXPANSION SUBSIDES.

B. PRESENT POLICY CALLS FOR 15-WORKING DAY PRIOR REQUEST FOR MILITARY  
AIRCRAFT. CARGO OR PASSENGERS MAY NOT BE OFFLOADED OR UNLOADED AT  
INDIAN AIRFIELDS WITHOUT SPECIFIC PRIOR APPROVAL. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS

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POLICY DOUBTFUL EXCEPT POSSIBLY MEDICAL EVACUATIONS ON HUMANITARIAN

GROUND. WE STRONGLY DOUBT INDIANS WOULD GRANT CLEARANCE FOR AIRCRAFT DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN DIRECT SUPPORT FOR TKS FORCE SHIPS.

C. IF PORT CAPP ALLOWED, SHORE LEAVE WOULD BE PERMITTED, IN OR OUT OF UNIFORM.

D. NO.

E. YES, BUT SHORE PATROL UNITS WOULD MOST PROBABLY IN INTEGRATED WITH INDIAN NAVY PROVOST MARSHAL FORCES.

F. NO, FOR INDIVIDUAL VISITS, IF APPROVED. WE WOULD NOT ENVISAGE INDIANS AGREEING TO REGULAR BUNKERING OF US SHIPS.

G. "YES" TO ALL EXAMPLES GIVEN INQUIRY. IF PRESS REPORTS THAT US SEEKING BASE FACILITIES IN MOZAMBIQUE ARE CONFIRMED, WE WOULD ANTICIPATE INDIANS TO TAKE PARTICULARLY DIM VIEW OF SHIPS VISITING INDIA WHICH HAD CALLED AT OR WERE BASED AT PORTS IN THAT PORTUGUESE TERRITORY.

H. WE DO NOT BELIEVE COSMETIC OR TACTICAL INDUCEMENTS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCE GOI DECISIONS.  
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